

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On March 4, 2009 Long Chih [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: May 19, 2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 09V-079

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Northern Tool & Equipment Company Inc.
2800 Southcross Drive West, Burnsville, MN 55306

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.
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Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

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FROM: Adam Stromstad - Northern Tool

RECIPIENT'S FAX NUMBER: 202-366-7882

TODAY'S DATE 5/21/2009

NUMBER OF PAGES: 10

MESSAGE:

Dear Mr. Ansley,

Please find Northern Tool & Equipment defect and noncompliance report for the Long Chih recall # 09V-079. Let us know if there are any questions or if anything else is needed.

Thanks,

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I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2008 Model(s): 125694 (LCI-881PA)

Production Dates: Beginning: 1/1/08 Ending: 12/31/08

VIN Range: Beginning: 024002 Ending: 024121

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Personal watercraft trailer kit - 610lbs. capacity

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2005-08 Model(s): 12571 (LCI-851TAX)

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/1/05 Ending: 12/31/08

VIN Range: Beginning: 319555 Ending: 355240

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: 4'x8' folding trailer kit w/ light kit + coupler

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2005-08 Model(s): 12542 (LCI-830T)

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/1/05 Ending: 12/31/08

VIN Range: Beginning: 355556 Ending: 369947

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: 40" x 48" bed utility trailer w/4.80-8" tire

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

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Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2008 Model(s): 125691 (LCI-851TA)
Production Dates: Beginning: 1/1/2008 Ending: 12/31/2008
VIN Range: Beginning: 319555 Ending: 356075
Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: 4' x 8' folding trailer kit w/ 4.80-12" tires
Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2008 Model(s): 125692 (LCI-958TC)
Production Dates: Beginning: 1/1/08 Ending: 12/31/08
VIN Range: Beginning: 319555 Ending: 355504
Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: 5' x 8' Heavy duty trailer w/ 5.30-12" tires
Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2008 Model(s): 125693 (LCI-958TR)
Production Dates: Beginning: 1/1/08 Ending: 12/31/08
VIN Range: Beginning: 319555 Ending: 353291
Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: 5' x 8' w/ 5.30-12" tires, ramp + side rails
Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

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Make(s): NIT Model Years Involved: 2005-08 Model(s): 125427 (LCI-830TA)

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/1/05 Ending: 12/31/08

VIN Range: Beginning: 35556 Ending: 370612

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: UTILITY trailer kit - 48" x 48" bed w/ 12" tires

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

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II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
125691 (LCI-851T4)	2008	836
125692 (LCI-959TC)	2008	655
125693 (LCI-958TR)	2008	105
125694 (LCI-881PA)	2008	120
12571 (LCI-851TAX)	2005-08	5224
12542 (LCI-830T)	2005-08	7160
125427 (LCI-830TA)	2005-08	2991

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 17,091

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100 %

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

The recall population was determined by the production dates and VINs provided by the Long Chih report.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

See the Long Chih report, 09V-079 for the remaining detail for this report.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.